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Pennsylvania Republicans.

vent the retention of Henry C. Payne as a member of the National Committee, al-

big excursion of mountaineers by Taylor.

Louis McQuown, chief counsel for Gover-

Going to Boston.

Secretaries Long, Root, and Gage will

leave tonight in a special car over the

Pennsylvania Railroad for Boston, where

they will attend the dinner to be given

tomorrow night by the National American Manufacturers' Association. Secretary

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General Chermside's Forces Enter the Town Unopposed.

The Reported Relief of Wepener Premature - The Burghers Reoccupy Strong Positions Previously Abandoned-Brabant and Hart Still Close to the Besieged Town

LONDON, April 25,-The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord

"Bloemfontein, april 25.—General Chermside occupied be Wets Dorp unopposed at 9:30 o'clock this morning.
"Pole-Carew's Division reached Roode Kop yesterday evening without suffering any casualties. The enemy was driven back with heavy loss. Brabent and Hart are still within a few miles of Weepens.

miles of Wepener.
"Pole-Carew's advance was covered by cavalry and horse artillery, which drove back the enemy with heavy loss. Several of their dead were left on the ground. The mounted men halted for the night at Groot Fontein and at 7:30 this morning were crossing the Modder River at Valshank in accordance with River at Valshank in accordance with my instructions to French to endeavor my instructions to French to endeavor to place himself astride the enemy's line of retreat. French's arrival near the Modder, evidently, however, alarm-ed the Boers for they evacuated their strong position near De Wets Dorp during the night and it was occupied by Chermside's division at 8:39 this morning.

"The mounted infantry under Ian Hamilton drove off the enemy from all the kopies near the water works. There were no casualties on our side. The Highland Brigade marched twenr-four miles yesterday to the support Hamilton and halted for the night Klip Kraal, four miles short of

Brabant and Hart are still a few miles short of Wepener. The numbers of the enemy appear to them to have increased in the last two days, but it is not likely that there will be much nore trouble in the neighborhood of Wepener, once De Wets Dorp is occu-

pied by our troops.
"I inspected the City Imperial Volunteers yesterday on their arrival at Eloemfontein. They are in fine form and look very workmanlike. I also in ected the Thirty-eighth Company of e Imperial Yeomanry, the first to ach Bloemfontein. The men turned out smart and the horses were in admi-

"ROBERTS."

The reported practical relief of Wepene appears to have been premature. Maseru messages this mornig say General Braing the night and occupied strong positions vance. At the same time a force of Boers

A despatch, dated at Kroontstad, Orange

patch, dated April 23, via Lourenco Mar-

during Colonel Piumer's recent fighting in Captain Gates, whose horse had been shot Trooper Lees, who had been wounded, said: 'Comrades, don't mind me, I'm sent for Give me a rifle till I have one more shot. A rifle was handed to him and he fired one shot, after which he rolled over dead."

BRITISH BADLY TREATED

Boers Provide No Doctor for Fever Stricken Prisoners.

LONDON, April 25 .- Mr. Mitchell, the engineer of the Pretoria water works, who was expelled by the Transvaal Government, has arrived at Durban. He reports that the British prisoners' camp at Waterval is unfit for habitation. The accommo dation consists of a wall and a lean-to

The majority of the prisoners are com pelled to sleep in the open. No resident doctor at the camp has been provided, though there are 150 cases of fever. The water is black and muddy. Pretoria sympathizers with the prisoners have donated £3,000 for providing them with comforts.

A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE.

The Prince of Wales Gives a Scarf-

pin to His Savior. BRUSSELS, April 25 .- The Prince of Wales has sent to Stationmaster Crocius who is supposed to have saved his life, a arfpin set with brilliants and rubies. It shaped like the Prince's coronet and bears his motto.

JAPANESE NAVAL REVIEW.

Over Fifty Ships in the Maneuvre

Before the Enperer. VICTORIA, B. C., April 25 .- Japan's much talked of naval maneuvres commenced on April 7, according to advices received here by reail. Commanders Tsunoda and Hidaka have made the Matsuchima and Asama their flagships. squadron is formed of the Fuji, Asama, Ka sagi, Chinyen, Matsushima, Itsukushima, Hashidate, Idzumi, Akitsushima, Chiyoda, Takachiho, Mayema, Miyako, Yamato, Toyohashi, Chinchu, Chinpen, and severa torpedo boats.

Over fifty warships are taking part in the maneuvres which were to continue the maneuvres which were to continue from the 15th to the 26th instant, the reof the squadron being witnessed by Emperor. The Kobe City Sanjikai entertained the officers at a garden party, the residence of Viscount Kuki being granted for the occasion. The country villa of High Prince Arizugawa at Maiko is the temporary residence of the Emperor

Throat Was Full of Fish Scales.

READING, Pa., April 25 .- Mrs. Jesse Ringler was found at the foot of Grip Street early yesterday morning in an apparently demented condition. It was be-lieved that she intended to drown herself in the canal. To Officer Wetzel, who disnd also that her "throat was full of fish

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A BERLIN SENSATION.

The Dowager Empress of Germany Married to Her Court Chamberlain. A story has just been made public ! according to late cables, concerning the Dawager Empress of Germany, who is the elest daughter of Queen Victoria and mother of the present Emperor. It is to the caeci that she has lately been united n a legy marriage to Count Seckendorff, the Court Chamberlain during the life and reign of the Emperor Frederick, or Hofmeister as he is more familiarly known. Count Seckendorff is an elder brother of Mr. M. G. Seckendorff, well known i

Washington for many years, as the leading representative at the Capital for the 'Now York Tribune." Mr. M. G. Secken lo ff dropped his title when he became a hard-working American citizen, which was creatly to his credit, but now that he is so losely related to royalty he can hardly e criticised for resuming 1t. The knowledge of Intimate relations

etween the Empress Frederick and the Court Chamberlain has been in the posses ca of a small local circle for some time, out it seems only lately to have come to ight in Continental cities. The complicaions arising from this intimacy were not nly very embarrassing to the Kaiser but hreatened to lead to still graver difficulties and to put an end to them and the scantal a wedding was resolved upon. It took place a very short time ago, but has not been publicly announced because of the objections of the Emperor.

The Empress Frederick is the eldest hild of Queen Victoria, having been born November 21, 1840, making her now nearly sixty years of age. Count Seckendorff is year or two younger.

The Empress was named after her mother, Victoria. Since the death of the Emeror Frederick, to whom she was united n marriage January 15, 1858, she has been known as the Dowager Empress Frederick. At the latest advices they were at Naples, iving very modestly and quietly.

MISSION WORKERS TALK.

Many Attend the Ecumenical Conference in Carnegie Hall, NEW YORK, April 25 .- It would be hard

o find a more interesting audience than that one which came out today to attend the Ecumenical Conference at Carnagie Hall to hear what the mission workers had to say concerning their labors in distant lands. It was made up of residents, principally, of a hundred towns and cities in the United States, but here and there was one whose dress indicated that he had come from across the sea, and constant conversations were heard carried on in bant's force found that the Boers, who had retreated on Monday had readvanced during the night and occupied strong positions meetings, have said that there were 2,500 which enabled them to delay Brabant's advention, but they add now that there re with six guns severely attacked Colonel 600 or 700 persons here who have come on their own account, representing no society or church, merely to hear and learn. Free State. April 23, via Lourenco Marques, April 24, 5 p. m., says:

"Sharp fighting on Saturday resulted in the British force in the vicinity of Boshof retreating. The British left fifteen dead and three wounded on the field and ten prisoners were captured."

A Brandfort, Orange Free State, despatch, dated April 23, via Lourenco Maraccustomed to attending meetings where

patch, dated April 23, via Lourenco Marques, April 24, 5 p. m., says:

"Fighting is still going on vigorously both at Wepener and De Wets Dorp. On Friday night twenty-eight men of the Worcester regiment were taken prison-Worcester regiment were taken prison-ers."

A despatch from Buluwayo, dated April 17, says: "There were some gallant deeds during Colonel Plumer's recent fighting in during Colonel Plumer's recent fighting in his attempt to relieve Mafeking. Captain Crewe was killed while trying to bring in the place of the men and women they teach. Teachers, he asserted must not onduct their schools with an air of condescension, but must reach their pupils through acting as if they all occupied the best they could. The next speaker was the Hon. William T. Harris, Commissioner of Education of the United States, who to opic "The Education Work at Mis-His address was closely followed nd he was loudly applauded when he took his seat. Mr. Harris spoke in part as fol-

> "Education is a term of broad signifiance and will apply to nearly all that the nissionary undertakes to do. Science, the iseful arts, by which nature is conquered and philosophy, all these have a particular cast given them by the religious doctrine of Christianity and you cannot successfully teach them to a people that is bound to a heathen creed.
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> "A mere nature-religion does not admit of science, of free thought, and of the investigation of

vestigation of matter and force, for these are the elements that he worships of dreads as evil demons and he spends his reads as evil demons and ne spends no hole life in trying to propitiate them with The Christian beory taught first that God transcends mature in that he created by a divine word and that he did all of this for the sake of man. All time and space is therefore 2 vast cradle for the nurture of individuality up to personality.'

TWO KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Family Reunion Transformed Into a Cause for Mourning.

PITTSBURG, April 25 .- A shocking accient with pathetic surroundings occurred at South Forkston on the Pennsylvania Railroad early this morning, resulting in the death of two persons and the fatal injury of another. The dead are Mary Po eski, aged five years, and her uncle, Jo-

teski, aged five years, and her uncle. Joseph Petgaren. Lizzie Poteski, aged three years, was fatally hurt.

Mrs. Poteski, accompanied by four children and her brother-in-law, Joseph Petgaren, had arrived from Hazleton. The mother and children were to join the husband and father. a miner, employed in Berwind mines. When they alighted from the train on the opposite side of the track little Mary saw her father on the station platform and started across the track to go to him. An express train was approaching and Petgaren rushed after her. Both were struck by the train and instantly killed, while Lizzie, aged three years. killed, while Lizzie, aged three years, ho had followed the other two, was also truck and fatally hurt. The mother and vercome with horror. What was to be a happy reunion of the family was turned to a scene of mourning. father both saw the accident and we

Government Receipts Today.

The receipts of the Government today mounted to \$2,081,546.60, being composed of customs, \$1,016.275.24; internal revenue \$948,998.39; miscellaneous, \$115.272.97. The expenditures amounted to \$1.745,000, leaving an excess of pecepts over expenditures today amounting to \$336,546.60.

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They Deprecate Trusts and Approve a Porto Rican Tariff.

The Platform Drafted in Washing-Much Discussion—Unqualified Endorsement, of Hanna and the Administration in Every Respect. ton Modified at Columbus After

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 25.—The delegates to the Republican State Convention met for business at 16 o'clock this mornmer. The committee on resolutions had completed its draft of the platform, working till a late hour in its preparation.

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The original draft, as prepared in Washngton, has been materially changed. The original draft contained no anti-trust fee-laration, but after considerable discussion one was adopted. General Grosvenor read a paper, which he said had been prepared by Senator Foraker, which endorsed the Porto Rican Tariff bill. W. H. Boyd re-quested that the anti-trust declaration be made.

M. A. Norris, of Your estown, objected to the proposed plank upon the Porto Ri-can Tariff and a somewhat extended dis-cussion followed, participated in by Messra. Dick, Norris, Grosvenor, and Boyd. Gen-eral Grosvenor supported the proposed plank in a comprehensive speech. The platform adopted is as follows

The Platform Adopted.

to the declare ion of principles made by the Re-publican party at St. Louis, in 1896, and declare

and of effort the United states and patriotic and the nations of the world.

We cordially endorse the wasc and patriotic and numerable Administration on President McKinley, shose signal achievements in war and in peace, in statesmarship and dipsomacy, mark an epoch in the history of the nation, and whose brilliant success justifies and demands, in the highest interests of the country, the nather rupted continuance through another term of his great but un completed work. Confronting unprecedented recompleted work.

and with the courageous acceptance of its high and solemn obligations, and faithfully stadied and sought equally the true honor of the nation and the greatest good of the peoples who have come under our flag, and has, through the whe use of expanded opportunity, led our country on pathways of greatness and renown.

We reaffirm the principle in which the Republican party had its birth and on which Abraham Lincoln was elected President, that the Republican party had its birth and on which Abraham Lincoln was elected President, that the Republican party had its birth and on which Abraham Lincoln was elected President, that the Republican party had its birth and on which Abraham Lincoln was elected President, that the Republican Abraham Lincoln was elected President, that the Republican for the United States, in harmony with the subject of the fundamental sateguards of our free institutions for liberty, justice, and personal rights. We sustain the President and Congress in exercising this power with due regard for the safety and welfare of the Union, and with the most just, generous, humane, and fraternal consideration for those over whom the authority of the nation is extended, we advocate free schools. full security for life, liberty, and properly, the most liberal measures for the development of agriculture and industry, and the largest degree of local self-rule for which they are fitted. We have faith in American patriotism, character, and capacity, and we know that American Government will cut not the people swho ar. brought under our protection.

The provisions of the Treaty of Paris, which took from Suain her title to the Philippine Islands and vested in the people of the United States unquestioned sovereignty over these islands to be exercised for securing to the people thereof, the blessings of fiberty and law, opened for those took from Stain her title to the Philippine Islands and wasted in the people of the United States unquestioned severeigatly over these islands to be exercised for securing to the people themot, the blessings of liberty and law, opened for those people the only possible pathway of escape from oppression and placed them on the road to progress in enlightenment and civilization. We approve the wisdom and humanity of the Precident in negotiating the treaty, of the Senate in confirming it by a two-thirds majority, and of the Congress in appropriating the sum of \$20,000,000, provided therein to be paid, by an almost unanimous vote. The sovereignty thus deliberately assumed by the conjoint action of the great treaty-making and law-making powers of the United States, it was the duty of the Executive to maintain, and we approve the vigor, the wisdom, and the success, with which President M-Kinley has performed that duty, and the fortinds and heroism of the soldiers and salvay of the United States through whom it was performed. That sovereignty must not be republished. That sovereignty must not be republished in the establishment of peace and credy and the high purpose of its origin must be accomplished in the establishment of peace and credy and the high purpose of its origin must be accomplished in the establishment of peace and credy and the high purpose of its origin must be accomplished in the establishment of peace and credy and the high purpose of its origin must be accomplished in the establishment of peace and credy and the blezings of individual liberty among the people of the Pitili pine Islands.

The thanks and approbation of the Republican Congressmen from Ohio who stood unflinchingly for Republican principles. They have supported and sustained the Administration of President McKinley, and we hereby endorse and ratify their public acts as our representatives.

We reaffirm our precious declaration in favor of such legislation by Congress as will encourage and promete a United States merchant marries so that A

nonopoly and assure that treatment and protection all competing industries.

The Republican party declares itself in fav.

THE INDIANA CONVENTION.

Hoosier Republicans in Session a

Indianapolis. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 25,-The tepublican State Convention met in Tominson Hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon and the fight for nominations promises to be the fiercest ever waged in Indiana. State Chairman Hernly called the convention to order, and in the report of the permanent organization committee former Represen-tative J. Frank Hanly, of Lafayette, was made nermanent chairman. Mr. Hanly's permanent chairman. Mr. Hanly' speech was a brilliant oratorical effort. In it he declared that the dissension over the Porto Rican bill disappeared with the pas-sage of the measure, and it merely coment-

d the party more closely, The platform reported from the commi the on resolutions emphatically endorses the Administration and the transformation of the country from extreme depression to unparalleled prosperity is reviewed. Con-

inuing it says in part:
"The conflict with Spain was begun and carried on from humane and disinterested motives. The possession of the islands, which came to our hands as a result of that war, was a consequence of it not fore-

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SECRETARY ROOT'S REPLY

seen, but which could not be avoided with honor and safety. We cannot escape the responsibility resting upon us. Our first duty is to establish the authority of the United States against armed resistance; then to replace military by civil administration. The guiding principle of our conduct in dealing with the people of these islands should be to promote their highest welfare, and we pledge the largest possible freedom of control in their affairs, as their ability for self-government shall be developed and to use all proper means to ad-His Reasons for Granting Extra Compensation to Army Officers.

he Answer to the Eacon Resolution Claims That Authority to Pay Over-Allowances Is Given by an ger's Orders Pieced in Evidence.

The Secretary of War today sent to the enate his reply to the Bacon resolution enquiring into the payment of extra al-lowances to Army officers in Cuba. The inswer is comparatively brief and states that the authority to grant extra ecopen-American commerce and industry at home ation to the officers in question is found in an act of Congress approved March 3, 1849, passed after the close of the Mexican THE HARRISBURG PLATFORM. War, for the settlement of accounts of pub-

Quay Eulogized and Consoled by lie officers. HARRISBURG, Pa., April 25.—The platform adopted at the Republican State Convention today pays a glowing tribute to M. S. Quay, and declares for direct election of United States Senators by the people. The platform extends congratulations to Republicans throughout the country, congratulations upon the prosperity of the country, and "the contentment and happiness en aved by the American peope under the Administration of President McKinley," and resuffirms the deserment sunctions in connection with the administration of the Government of Cuba, as follows:

"To the Military Governor of Cuba, at the rate of \$7,500 per year.

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interests of his constituents."

AGAINST THE MACHINE.

Wisconsin Republicans Object to the State Organization.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 25—in the Republican Convention with there at noon today to elect delegates at large to the National Convention at Fhiadelphia there was a curious mixture of harmony and discord. With respect to the national Administration the convention was unanimous in its endorsement, and the resolutions adopted also expressed approval of the State administration, but there was an undercurrent of opposition to the element that now controls in this unanimous in its endorsement, and the resolutions adopted also expressed approval of the State administration, but there was an undercurrent of opposition to the element that now controls in this

February 3, 1853. (A copy of the second section of the said first-mentioned act is section of the said first-mentioned act is annexed hereto.)

"The said payments were authorized by the President of the United States upon the oral advise of the Attorney General, that the same were in all respects law-

member of the National Committee, al-though President McKinley and Senator Hanna are known to be very desirous of saving Mr. Payee stay on the committee and all the influence of the Administration is being exerted to that end. It was this

review of President McKinjey's Administration. This Administration, the chairman said, has driven hunger and want from the land, given honest men an opportunity to do an honest day's work and receive for it an honest dollar; it has fought and won a war for universal liberty, driven the last cruel despot from the Western Hemisphere, quelled an unholy insurrection in the Philippines, brought the light of liberty to 12,000,000 of people and in the name of high civilization bids men look up and march on. march on.

The chairman has been known as an opponent of tariff barriers, but in his speech he endorsed the Porto Rican Tariff bi I, and the convention cheered his declaration on the convention cheered his declaration cheered his decl delegates at large the names of H. Stout, Isaac Stephenson, Luedeke, and J. B. Treat, proposed by the regular organization, and the inspector of the United States, may be fair compensation for said services."

Following is the original order of Sectors of the United States, may be fair compensation for said services."

ate organization, and the in-cations were, when the convention ad-retary urned after its preliminary session, that ances: organization, and the indications were, when the convention adjourned after its preliminary session, that these would be elected, although there was some talk on the part of anti-Payne men of an effort to break the slate.

TAYLOR AND HIS COUNSEL.

An Open Rupture Threatened With Attorney Breakers. Attorney Bradley.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 25.—Former Gov. W. O. Bradley, leading counsel for Taylor, will leave for Washington tonight

o argue the Governorship contest case be-"Ordered, that for his services as Mili-"Ordered, that for his services as Military Governor of the Island of Cuba, the Commanding General. Division of Cuba, the Commanding General. Department of the revenues of the island at the rate of \$7.

Department of Havana, for his services as Military Governor of Havana, shall receive an annual salary out of the revenues of the island and the revenues of the island at the revenues of the island of Cuba, the Commanding General. Division of Cuba, the revenues of the island at the rate of \$7. fore the Supreme Court Monday. There is no longer much doubt that the relations between Mr. Bradley and Taylor are near the point of open rupture. It is intimated that no very warm relations have existed out of the revenues of the island an annual salary at the rate of \$5,000; that the Collector of Customs for the Island of Cuba, as Collector of the Port of Hayana, shall receive out of the customs revenues ong excursion of mountemeers by Taylor, Finley, and others in January and that the breach has been widened by much of Taylor's policy since then.

The thing which has put them to the point where they are about to part company for good is Taylor's extension. at Havana, an annual salary at the rate of \$3,500; these to be in addition to their good is Taylor's action in going o New York and making himself a fugi-ive from justice under the protection of Syvernor Roosevelt. Bradley is said to lare summoned Taylor to meet him at Washington Saturday right or Sunday regular salaries as officers of the United States Army, the allowances to begin March 1, 1899, and to be paid monthly, and evidenced by duly executed vouchers." Following is the order of Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn granting extra allow ances to the officer acting as treasurer of Cuba:

nor Beckham, is in the city. He will leave for Washington either Friday or Saturday. Lawrence Maxwell, of Cincinnati, who is associated with Mr. McQuown in the case before the Supreme Court, is already in Washington. 'Ordered, that for the payment of the necessary expenses incurred, and to be in-curred, incident to his representative ca-cacity, said Treasurer of Cuba shall re-viewe out of the revenue of Havana an al-owance at the rate of \$1,800 per annum, beginning with May 1, 1899, and to be evi

denced by duly executed vouchers."

Following is the order of Assistant Sacretary Melklejohn, granting extra allowances to the Collector of Customs at Hawana: "That for the payment of the necessary of the second essary expenses incurred and to be incurred, incident to his representative capacity, said Collector of Customs for the Island
of Cuba and port of Havana shall receive
out of the customs revenues at Havana an
allowance at the rate of \$1,800 per annum. Manufacturers' Association. Secretary Hay, who had intended to go, is unable to get away on account of the Turkish negotiations. Secretary Wilson, who was to have been one of the party, will be unable to attend heginning with January 1, 1899, and to be evidenced by duly executed vouchers."

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THE DAY IN THE SENATE. e Report on the Hawaiian

Bill Adopted. When the Senate met this morning Mr. Platt of New York was found to be occupying the desk recently occupied by Mr. Quay-a very desirable location in the front row on the Republican side of the

chamber-with Mr. Carter to his right and

Mr. Chandier to his left. Mr. Depew is still forced to remain on the Democratic side of the chamber, with Act of Congress-Copies of Al- Mr. Foraker and Mr. Kean near neighbors The joint resolution authorizing the exbition of Government relics at the New

York Printing Exposition was passed.

The conference report on the bill to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii was presented by Mr. Cullom and explained. The Conference Committee, he plained. The Conference Committee, he said, had struck out the provisions requiring the payment of taxes before registration for voting, and had inserted a provision that no person shall be imprisoned for non-payment of taxes (as he can be under voting Havesian law).

Mr. Cullom—As I understand it, all citizens of the United States and of the Republic C. Hawaii are authorized to exercise the elective franchise provided they are propriation should be stricken from the bill and release the mail sorvice.

Mr. Platt of Connecticut gave it as his opinion that that was very had policy, and that there was no reason why the President should be restricted to citizens of the United States from such offices.

After further discussion, the conference report was agreed to.

The resolution declaring Senator Scott of West Virginia entitled to retain his seat in the Senate, which had been reported March 20 from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, was taken up, on motion of Mr. McComas, who made a statement on the subject, and said that the committee had examined it and reached the conclusion that there were no facts in the case to warrant any further investigation. tigation.

THREE DEATHS AT A FIRE.

It is feared that more than three deaths were caused by the fire, but only that number of bodies have been found so far. An entire family of eleven persons might have been killed but for the work of policemen, who got them out of a burning apartment across a narrow plank stretch—

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The dead are: Annie Lebowitz, thirteen years old. Melia Lebowitz, her sister,

burned about the face, neck, hands, and chest. Dora Lebowitz, three and a half years old, his daughter, burned about the head and face while in her father's arms. Michael Rauschbaum, sixty-three years old, tailor, severe burns about head, face, and nose. Ressie Post, twelve years old, burned about the hands.

It was 3:36 o'clock when, without the clichter, arming farms about for the

saxing Mr. Payne stay on the committee and all the influence of the Administration is being exerted to that end. It was this contest that lent particular interest to the convenion today, in spite of the fact that the Payne matter was one with which the gathering had to deal directly.

James G. Monahan, of Darlington, was lected temporary covernment there established and all vered a spaceh devoted to a specific commission full. The act to which Secretary Root refers burned about the hands. It was 3:36 o'clock when, without the slightest sarning, flames shot from the roof of the big tenement in which more than thirty families were asleep. The fire was seen by Policemen Hillar and any of the ports in Mexico, and has, at the selected temporary covernment, there established by figures that attacked the stairway. James G. Monahan, of Darjington, was elected temporary chairman of the convention and delivered a space devoted to a review of President McKinjey's Administration. This Administration, the chairman said, has driven hunger and want from the land, given honest men an opportion the land given honest men the land given honest men the land given honest men time, exercised civil functions under the temporary government the

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working them and her main battery will tion made by Mr. Moody to str be installed. She will probably go into entire appr dry dock Saturday morning. Much depends upon the direction of the wind. She will be the largest ship ever docked at the

The Vesuvius is lying at the yard, out of commission, "in ordinary," and in the dark green war paint that adorned her during her Cuban experience. A type in herself, the only vessel of her kind in the world, it is still a question as to whether or not she is a success. Various plans for transforming her into a torpedo boat or destroyer have been drawn by the Navy Department, but no changes have yet been ordered, and from the call for a special mechanic to care for her present cquip-ment, it looks as if none would be in the

THE PRESIDENT AT CANTON Mr. McKinley Makes a Short Visit to Cleveland.

CANTON, Ohio, April 25 .- The second day of the President's brief visit to his old home found Mr. McKinley early astir and off for Cleveland to visit his sister, Mrs. A.

J. Duncan, and Miss Helen McKinley. He will return here early this evening.

The President and Mrs. McKinley while here are the guests of Mrs. McKinley's siser at the M. C. Barber home. The visit will end tom tow afternoon, when the party will leave at 4 o'clock over the Pennsylvania Line for Pittsburg, where the pri-vate car will be attached to the regular

The Grout Oleomargarine Bill. A hearing on the Grout Oleomargarine the House Committee on Agriculture, but there was no quorum present. Among the members of the committee who are out of the city are Messrs. Wadsworth, Henry of Connecticut, Lorimer, Connell, Wright, and Poller of Manner.

BRIBERY OPENLY CHARGED

Mr. Moody Causes a Sensation on the Floor of the House.

He States That Former Assistant Postmaster General Nellison Was Paid to Advocate Pneumatic Tubes-Mr. Milholland of New York Authority for the Statement.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, after swearing in William H. King of Utah, with Mr. Dalzell in the chair, and the Postoffice Appropriation bill was taken up. Mr. Moon of Tennessee yielded twenty minutes to Mr. Little of Arkansas in opposition to the increase in the appropriation for existing Hawalian law) or for debt. That left the matter of taxes entirely out of the bill, either before registration or any other member of the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads he had failed to discover and release the mail service from a fungus con-And they have now the right growth which would cripple the service and entail an incalculable cost upon the

Mr. Cullom—res.

Mi. T.:Iman enquired as to appointments to office in Hawaii being limited to citizens of the Territory.

Ar. Cullom replied that on that point the first continuous contin Little, "we are paying an annual rental of bill remained exactly as it had been passed by the Senate. The offices were to be filled by citizens of Hawaii.

Mr. Platt of Connecticut gave it as his wagen service recovered."

wagon service required."

Mr. Mann of Illinois spoke in favor of

of many million dollars. The expenditures of the Postoffice Department were each year outstripping more and more the receipts. He would conduct the Postoffice Destructive Plaze in a New York

Tenement House.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Three lives were lost, four persons badily burned, and more than one hundred driven in panic down fire escapes and over roofs in a fire that par lally destroyed the six double tenements, 74 Forsythe Street, this morning.

It is feared that more than three deaths

apartment across a narrow plank stretched five stories above the street over an
air shaft, from which flame and smoke
were spouting as from the cone of a volcane.

Shaft posimister General Bissell, he received
\$1,000 cash and \$10,000 in pueumatic tube
stock as the representative of the n-eumatic company at Weshington for one,
year. It was in that year that the first appropriation was made. Mr. Neillson, said Mr. Moody, was made director in the

years old. Melia Lebowitz, her sister, eleven years old. John Lebowitz, a broth er, six years old.

The injured are: Simon Lebowitz tailor, father of the dead children, terribly burned about the face, neck, hands, and chest. Dora Lebowitz, three and a half.

When Mr. Moody made the statement of the present Congress a block of stock. He was glad to say that the disborating gift had been returned by the next mail.

When Mr. Moody made the statement of the present congruing with the statement of the present congruence of the present congruence of the present congruence of the present company.

concerning Mr. Neilison, Mr. Livingston of Georgia asked on what authority the se-rious charge was made.

Mr. Moody said he read from the testi-

Mr. Moody said he read from the testimony given before the Postal Commission of Mr. Mitholland, of New York city.

Mr. Sulzer—Is he not an editor of the "New York Tribune?"

Mr. Moody—I know not and I care not. He gave his testimony under oath.

Mr. Moody, continuing, said that he was sorry to say that a member of the House.

matic Company.
Mr. Livingston—Name him.
Mr. Mcody—I will not.
The gentleman from Massachusetts said covered and shot to the roof rapidly. It got to the stairway also and within a few minutes had reached the fifth floor where it spread on all sides through the narrow of the Bell telephone over again.

it spread on all sides through the narrow hallways.

The tenants were aroused to find their escape by the stairway completely cut off. A wild dash was made for the fire escapes in the front and rear, but it was too late for all to escape. After the firemen got the flames under control the bodies were found in the burned out tenement. Annie and Melia lay within four feet of each other in the hallway.

WARSHIPS AT CHARLESTON.

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WINDERSON TO THE BEIL telephone over again. Referring to the appropriation of the company to extend the service to twenty-seven large cities. Mr. Moody quotad Mr. Bromwell, a member of the Committee on Postoffices and Fost Roads, to the effect that in selecting the cities the company had taken the resident city of every member of the committee save Mr. Sperry, and he did not know how he had been over-looked. Experience in foreign countries had been urged as a reason why the United States should adopt the tube service, but there was nothing in that to warrant the United States in entering upon the course tor Improvements.

BOSTON, April 25.—The details of the work on the Olympia have been practically determined upon. Her big turrets will be moderated and electrical appliances for

At 2:25 o'clock the Chairman put a mo-

ROBERTS' SUCCESSOR SWORN IN. William H. King, of Utah, Takes the Oath in Congress.

When the House met at noon today there were only forty-seven members present, and not half a hundred visitors were in the gallery. Mr. Lanham of Texas presented the credentials of William H. King Representative from Utah, to succeed Brigham H. Roberts. Mr. King was es-corted to a position in front of the Speak-er's desk, where the oath was administerer's desk, where the oath was administer-ed, after which there was applause on the

PLANS FOR THE PRAIRIE. Naval Militia of Two States Unable to Crnise.

The Navy Department has been informed by the Maryland and Florida authorities that the naval militia of those States are not prepared to take advantage of the department's tender of the cruiser Prairie for the training of the militiamen this summer ewing to a lack of funds.

According to the present plans the Prairie, which is now en route to New Orleans from New York, will be used as a training ship for the naval militia of the Atlantic coast States, one week of sea cruising being given to each State.

It is believed at the Navy Department that the failure of Maryland and Florida to avail themselves of the use of the Prairie is due to lagging interest in their respective militia organizations. This lack of interest in the two States, however, is not regarded as being a criterion by which to judge other States having naval militia. The department has not yet made arrangements for a vessel for the use of the Pacific Coast States. At present there is none available. none available

Architects, Owners, Builders; all like Call and see our great stock Edge our edge grain flooring. Best made. F. Libbey grain flooring at the Friendly Corner, 6th and & Co.